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when moved to the other end the communication is cut off. Over these holes are put four bell-glasses, three of which are shown in the section, and four circles mark their place in fig. 3, and over all there is put the cover *h h*; it has a small window at *i*. When the glasses are full the board may be turned, to shut the communication, and empty ones put in their place; also, if needful, food can be given them by means of these glasses, instead of their honey.

No. III.

*Extract of a Letter from Dr. THACKERAY, of Chester,
respecting his Plantations.*

SIR,

Chester, November 5, 1825.

I TAKE this opportunity of mentioning, that I have this week sent from Runcorn to Llanarmon, in Denbighshire, above one hundred bushels of acorns, having sowed and dibbled, many years ago, near one hundred and thirty bushels.

The plantations for which I obtained the three gold medals of your Society have been annually *pruned* and thinned; and some of the larch growing at Gelli Gynan have been sold for ten shillings a single tree, and one, which is particularly luxuriant, has been valued at fifteen shillings. Most people consider a tree, when once planted, as done with, though, as every experienced planter knows, the progress and products of trees, like those of other plants, may be greatly increased by pruning and thinning. The

most important part of tree culture is *pruning*, since, on it depends, where straight timber is the object, the ultimate value, and the actual bulk produced. Pardon this intrusion.

I am, Sir,

A. Aikin, Esq.

Secretary, &c. &c.

&c. &c. &c.

W. M. THACKERAY.

A friend, who is settled in the Illinois, in North America, has promised to supply me with the seed of different forest-trees in the spring, which he is satisfied will thrive luxuriantly upon the mountains in North Wales: at all events I will make the experiment.

No. IV.

WINTER BEANS.

*The THANKS of the Society were voted to JOHN SMITH,
Esq. of Revel End, Herts, for the following communica-
tion respecting Winter-sown Beans, which was or-
dered to be printed.*

24, Wellington-crescent, Ramsgate,

DEAR SIR,

November 8, 1826.

I PROMISED, when the crop of winter beans should be gathered in, the produce of the small sample I had from the Society (for which Mr. Taunton, of Cheam, was rewarded in 1823), to report to you their condition and quantity.